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(U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Sarmite Danne, of the MFA's International Organzitions Department. Danne stated that, in general, the GOL supports the principle that the UN Secretariat must be of the highest professional level and the GOL shares U.S. ideas regarding fostering profssional growth, career advancement and staff training. The GOL also encourages simplification of contractual arrangements in the UN. Danne stated that priority should be given to the conditions of service in the field. The GOL has recevied the U.S. amendments in New York and the GOL's approach to them will reflect the EU common position.